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1. The following information was obtained on 15 January 1955: 25X1

   a. The rail bridge over the Oder River near Neuruednitz/Zaeckerick is to be completed in 1955. A total of 966,000 Eastmarks has so far been made available for this project. 1 25X1

   b. The Berlin-Ostbahnhof railroad maintenance shop will be equipped with a widened transfer table for locomotives. A sum of 300,000 eastmarks has been made available for this project. The widening of the transfer table has been ordered in order to make possible the parking of type O 3 locomotives which are frequently used for special trains operating on behalf of the government. Special bays will be reserved for these locomotives in the engine house of the Berlin-Ostbahnhof maintenance shop. These bays will be fenced in and guarded. At present, the so-called government locomotives are still parked at Karlshorst. 2

   c. RBD Halle plans the reconstruction of the second track between Eythra and Pegau, and the construction of a new line between Pegau and Groitzsch. A connecting curve will also be built near Pegau. A sum of 5 million eastmarks has been made available for this project. 3

2. Work on the reconstruction of the second track of the Cottbus - Guben railroad line was discontinued because of a shortage of materials in late 1953. It is intended, however, to complete the double-tracking of the Cottbus - Guben railroad line in 1955. 4

3. The reconstruction of the Wriezen - [redacted] line is classed as a priority project and t[redacted]ilable for this project will probably be i[redacted] other 25X1

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monetary allocations for 1955 railroad construction projects have been curtailed. The cost for the completion of projects started in 1954 must be covered from the 1955 budget. In mid-January 1955, commissions started to check on the urgency of railroad construction projects. In December 1954, the budget for construction projects was cut 28 million eastmarks.

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4. The spans of the rail bridge over the Oder River at Zaeckerick had not been placed in position on 30 December 1954. 1

5. The railroad viaduct over the Neisse River at Goerlitz was completed some time ago. The viaduct was, however, not yet in operation on 19 December 1954. 5

6. In early January 1955, plans were completed at RBD Cottbus for the following railroad construction projects:

Location	Type of Project	Estimated Cost (in 1,000 DME)
a. For 1955		
Rietschen	Bridge over the Gaglitza River	70
Elsterwerda	Bridge over the Elster River	220
Senftenberg	Railroad overpass over Krankenhaus Strasse	115
Horka	Reconstruction of the railroad station	2,500
Spremberg	Construction of a switch for the track extending to the ammunition depot	30
Guben - Cottbus	Second track	1,407
b. For 1956		
Strassgraebehen/ Bernsdorf	Bridge over the Orla Brook	56
Ottendorf/Okrilla	Bridge over the Roeder Brook	117
Strassgraebchen/ Bernddorf	Railroad underpass under the Autobahn	77
Guben	Enlargement of the railroad	1,000

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[redacted] - [redacted]ka	Second track	3,000	6
[redacted]	Bridge over a brook	10	
[redacted]	Bridge over the Lacknitza River	16	

7. The Ducherow - Usedom railroad line is to be reconstructed and is to be connected to the Ahlbeck - Wolgast railroad line west of Swinemuende. It is believed that the ferry at Wolgast will not be able to cope with the increased volume of traffic to the island. 7 25X1

8. Plans completed so far indicate that only the Krumpa - Frankleben portion of the Merseburg - Muecheln - Querfurt railroad line, which is also called Geisel Valley line, is to be rerouted north of the surface brown coal mine at Neumark. This section of the line is to be connected to the Buna-Works at Schkopau in order to eliminate the Merseburg railroad station for coal shipments to this installation. The rerouted Geisel Valley railroad line will run from Neumark via Knapendorf, where it crosses the Merseburg - Schaffstaedt secondary line, and will then join the spur tracks to the Buna Works near Schkopau. 8

1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the reconstruction of this rail bridge over the Oder River and the reconstruction of the dismantled single-track Wriezen - Neuruednitz railroad line extending to this bridge was transmitted previously. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The type O 3 locomotive is a modern express-train locomotive which is probably used for special trains carrying very important persons. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The line between Eythra and Pegau is only 8.9 km long. The line is a portion of the Leipzig - Zeitz railroad line, which was previously double-track. One track of this line was dismantled in 1945. The single-track Pegau - Groitzsch line was also dismantled. Its reconstruction will establish a cross connection to the Gaschwitz-Meuselwitz line, which may then be used in order to ease the strain on the Leipzig - Zeitz line. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. The double tracking of the Cottbus - Guben railroad line which has been planned since 1952, has been repeatedly delayed because of a shortage of rails and ties. 25X1

5. [redacted] Comment. This railroad viaduct was completed in late September 1954, but railroad operations over the viaduct have not yet been resumed. [redacted] 25X1

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6. [redacted] Comment. The Hoyerswerda - Hohenbocka line is 15.1 km long and is a portion of the Ruhland - Horka/Wehrkirch line which serves the brown coal mines in this area and is of importance as a section of an east-west route. 25X1

7. [redacted] Comment. The reconstruction of the Ducherow - Usedom railroad line, a double-track line, which was completely dismantled, would necessitate the reconstruction of the rail bridge over the Peene River near Karnin. The intended reconstruction of the line was reported [redacted] but it has so far not been included in official railroad construction programs, [redacted] 25X1

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8. [redacted] Comment. The rerouting of this railroad line has been planned for a long time in connection with brown coal mining activities in this area. The Muecheln - Krumpa line section has been double tracked. [redacted] The intention of constructing a new line is reported for the first time. 25X1

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